

1 Remarks

2 Election of Single Disclosed Species

3 A restriction requirement has been imposed upon the Applicant under 35 U.S.C.  
4 § 121. The Examiner has noted in the application eight species (Species I through VIII,  
5 corresponding respectively to Figs. 3 through 10). Accordingly, the Applicant is required  
6 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in the event that no  
7 generic claim is finally held allowable. Also, the Examiner has stated that currently  
8 claims 52-55 are generic (page 2 of Office action).

9 In response, the Applicant hereby elects Species "II" as shown in Fig. 4. The  
10 Applicant contends that at least claims 1-16, 18-23, 25-29 and 31-55 read on the elected  
11 species, and that those claims are hereby elected for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. 121.

12 Claims 17, 24 and 30 are hereby withdrawn, without prejudice.

13 This election is being made without traverse.


14 The Applicant believes that the election of a single species as set forth herein  
15 above constitutes a full and complete response to the Office action.

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